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PATENT APPLICATION  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1623

In re application of : **METHOD FOR CULTURING  
AND ASSAYING CELLS**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on January 4, 2002 and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response due on April 4, 2002. Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on May 4, 2002. Since this date falls on a Saturday, the time for filing the response with a one-month extension of time is extended under 37 CFR § 1.7 to May 6, 2002.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on May 6, 2002.

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A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Office Action is filed concurrently herewith.

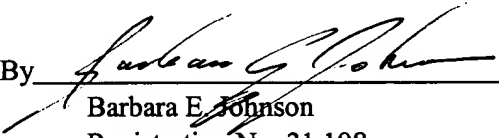
The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

An original and two (2) copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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